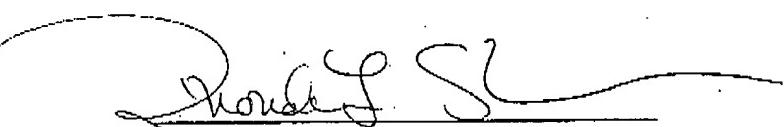


REMARKS

Claims 21-23 have been cancelled by this amendment. Further, claim 13 has been amended to correctly depend from claim 8. These amendments place the application either in condition for allowance or in better form for appeal. Thus, the amendments should be entered even though a final rejection in the application has been made.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (ITL.0314US).

Respectfully submitted,



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